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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Washington, D.C. 20436

October 23, 2019

Taylor Amarel  
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Somerville, MA 02144

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request 19-31

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 25, 2019, and received by us on October 24, 2019, in which you request:

“All emails sent to, from, or copied to: Jason Kearns, from January 1, 2016 to Present Day containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-string "big data", "surveillance", "machine learning", "CCTV", or "automated intelligence".”

After thoroughly searching our records, we did not locate any records responsive to your request. Therefore, the disposition of your FOIA request is “no records.”

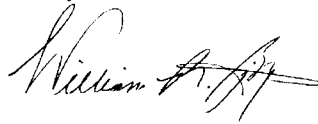
If you are not satisfied with the response to your request, you may file an administrative appeal. If you decide to do so, your appeal must be received within 90 days of the date of this letter. It should be addressed to the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, and clearly indicate both on the envelope and in the letter that it is a “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” It should clearly state the grounds upon which you believe this denial of access to be in error. For further information on appeal procedures, see 19 C.F.R. § 201.18, attached.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740; E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: 202-741-5770; Fax: 202-741-5769; Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448.

If you have any questions, need assistance, or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please feel free to call me at 202-205-2595.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Bishop", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William R. Bishop  
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer

Attachment 19 C.F.R. § 201.18

#### **§201.18 Denial of requests, appeals from denial.**

(a) Written requests for inspection or copying of records shall be denied only by the Secretary or Acting Secretary, or, for records maintained by the Office of Inspector General, the Inspector General. A denial shall be in writing and shall provide information on the exemptions that justify withholding and the amount of information withheld. The denial also shall advise the person requesting of the right to appeal to the Commission.

(b) An appeal from a denial of a request must be received within ninety days of the date of the letter of denial and shall be made to the Commission and addressed to the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Any such appeal shall be in writing, and shall indicate clearly in the appeal, and if the appeal is in paper form on the envelope, that it is a "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." An appeal may be made either in paper form, or electronically by contacting the Commission at <https://www.usitc.gov/foia.htm>.

(c) Except when expedited treatment is requested and granted, appeals will be decided in the order in which they are filed, but in any case within twenty days (excepting Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) unless an extension, noticed in writing with the reasons therefor, has been provided to the person making the request. Notice of the decision on appeal and the reasons therefor will be made promptly after a decision. Requests for expedited treatment should conform with the requirements in §201.17(c) of this part.

(d) The extensions of time mentioned in paragraph (c) of this section shall be made only for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request;
- (2) The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are requested in a single communication; or
- (3) The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having a substantial subject-matter interest therein.

(e) The extensions of time mentioned in paragraph (c) of this section shall not exceed ten working days in the aggregate.

(f) A response to an appeal will advise the requester that the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison officer and the Office of Government Information Services both offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. The requester may contact the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison officer by telephone (202-205-2595) or email ([foia.se.se@usitc.gov](mailto:foia.se.se@usitc.gov)) or the Office of Government Information Services at National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road—OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001.

